

ASK 6-HOUR DAY AND 5-DAY WEEK

Nation-Wide Strike of the
Bituminous Coal Men
Freely Predicted.

IN UNCOMPROMISING MOOD

Stop Work November 1
Unless All Demands
Are Granted.

MURKINER, Oct. 8.—A nation-wide strike of 400,000 miners could start in every bituminous coal field of America next October 1, was predicted here today by John Wilkinson, president of district 21, United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Wilkinson was preparing, he said, for Philadelphia where the conference of operators and the male committee of the central committee field is to resume its meetings on Thursday.

"We do not believe the operators will grant our demands before a strike," declared Mr. Wilkinson. "They have no right to do so. We are determined to stick together and when we are together we can accomplish more than either one of us separately." The miners are to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow to discuss their demands and offer them in negotiation of a strike to the effect on ratification of the peace treaty. We refused that, and demanded a contract to take effect as soon as it can be negotiated, and not later than November 1.

"The mine workers are in no mood for a compromise. Until the operators grant our full demands we will not give up our strike. There is no way to estimate now how long the strike will last, but the mine workers are determined to put their whole economic force behind the strike and win it."

The demands which the mine workers presented to the operators at the recent Buffalo conference, and which were rejected, were filed with the male committee of the national convention of mine workers at Indianapolis in September, and ratified by the convention on September 23. Ratification of these demands by the convention vested in the national officers authority to call the general strike if the demands were not accepted by November 1, and all that is now required to put the strike into effect is the order from the national officers.

The demands in brief are:

A 60 per cent increase in day work, yardage, tonnage and dead work.

Six hours a day, from bank to bank and five days a week. Bank to bank means from the time the miner enters the mine until he comes out.

Three and a half for overtime and double time for Sundays and holidays.

A weekly pay day.

Abolition of double shift work, except in emergencies.

No automatic penalty clause.

International differences to be settled by districts affected.

Local conventions to be held November 1, 1920, and no sectional settlement shall be allowed; new contracts must run concurrently for two years, making all contracts all over the nation expire at the same date.

"We do not feel that we should be bound by the brokerings of politicians in Congress," declared Mr. Wilkinson. "The war is over, the army demobilized, and we do not want to be penalized as we have been penalized by legislation in Congress."

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU KIPT

Oklahoma City Will Provide Funds to Maintain the Office.

SPRINGFIELD CITY, Oct. 8.—That the term of clerical help in the federal employment bureau here has been extended, it was admitted today, but that the office will be discontinued was emphatically denied by office officials. Plans for the continuance of the work without government aid have already been worked out, it was said, and funds for the maintenance secured other than through the federal government.

Four New Oklahoma Millionaires to the World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 8.—The bringing in of a \$1,000 barrelful well of the famous producing & income oil fields of Oklahoma, by four Oklahoma men, it is announced here today. The four men are: Judge John P. Day, president of the company; R. E. Seaman, vice-president; H. W. Dick, secretary; and R. F. Stanford, treasurer. The four men own all the stock of the company.

Rogers County Men Win Prize.

CLARKSBURG, Oct. 8.—The Rogers county miners' judges team, consisting of Fredrick Donaldson, Chairman; Alvin Laddan, Charles A. and Thomas Taylor, charoners won the third state prize in the poultry raising contest held in connection with the fair school at Mounds.

EXPECT ADMIRALTY CHANGES.

ADMIRAL BEATTY May Be Made First sea Lord in England.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Admiralty is continuing in the atmosphere, according to the Times, Admiral Beatty is mentioned as the next first sea lord, succeeding Admiral Sir Thomas Wemyss who, it is said, may be given a peer of Victoria.

La Pompadour Club

Will Give Its Regular
Dance Friday Evening.
St. 112½ South Boulder
Everyone Invited.

STATE BRIEFS

SHAWNEE, Oct. 8.—The superior court of Pottawatomie county was adjourned yesterday until the first Monday in December.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 8.—The governor and a party of friends left Monday night for McPherson county where they will spend the remainder of the week fishing and hunting.

KIOWA, Oct. 8.—Cheesecake operators in September were upped about 10 per cent. those of the same month in 1917. Cheesecake firms say the percentages of those getting business and the average cost is 24, higher than in former years.

MIAMI, Oct. 8.—Everything from 25 cents to 25 cents tobacco and 25 cents to 25 cents sales day after day, the last 10 days, were the reason for the amount \$15 when his own wife gave him word that she would not close his shop after nightfall. The tobacco sold from 25 to 40 cents a pound.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 8.—Police raided practically all mining houses in the city last night and arrested 14 men and women. It is the announced purpose of the police to end the zone of what is believed to be an organized gang of prospectors and thugs.

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SHAWNEE, Oct. 8.—An audience at the market here was presented today when a Pottawatomie county farmer came to town with 400 wagons loaded with produce, grain, cotton and the fourth load of mashed corn, the first to be sold on the streets here.

GUILTY OF "REPREHENSIBLE ACTS

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